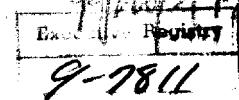


EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



My dear Mr. Dulles:

The Bureau of the Budget has today approved the initial fiscal year 1958 apportionment for the Central Intelligence Agency Operating account in the amount requested by your comptroller. I am gratified that, in keeping with the President's policy, you currently plan to reduce obligations below the amount provided in the 1958 budget.

To accomplish the President's objective will require that additional apportionments this year be held to an absolute minimum. I would therefore urge that you restrict any requests for releases from the contingency reserve to items which you have assured yourself are of the highest priority and cannot be deferred. I would also urge that any new projects undertaken be offset by reductions in other, lower priority activities so that total obligations this year will be less than the amount provided in this initial apportionment.

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) *Donald G. Brundage*

Director

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
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